**SMART Boards in the Elementary General Music Classroom**

**Interactive Internet Site Evaluation**

1. Internet Address: dkincaid@lhps.org
2. Page Title: dsokids.com
3. Who is the author of this site? Dallas Symphony Orchestra
4. What are the credentials of the author? Professional Orchestra
5. Does the site contain accurate and unbiased information? There are nice bios of many composers with interesting personal data. The musical examples that I listened to are good representations of each composer.
6. Is the site up-to-date? Seems to be. They include John Williams and Harry Potter.
7. Does the site contain contact information such as e-mail and postal addresses? Yes
8. What is the purpose of the site (commercial, educational, political, etc.)? Educational
9. What are some ideas for how you would utilize this site on the SMART Board in your classroom situation?

I use a listening journal in my 5th grade general music class. I could include these histories and musical examples. It also includes sound files for some instruments discussed in the descriptions.

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**Software Evaluation**

**(Software to be used on the SMART Board)**

***(Based on Tom Rudolph’s “Selecting the Software”***

***from page 143 in Teaching Music with Technology)***

1. **Program Information:**
   1. Publisher:
   2. Title:
   3. Author:
   4. Cost:
2. **Program Requirements:**
   1. What must the student know or understand to use the program?
   2. What class or course could use the program?
   3. Can it be used with more than one grade?
3. **Program Format:**
   1. Is the program drill and practice, tutorial, testing, and/or a game?
4. **Hardware Requirements:**
   1. Would it matter if the SMART Board were mounted on the wall or if it were portable?
   2. **Is it necessary for young elementary students to touch the top of the screen?**
5. **Written Documentation:**
   1. What directions do the program provide, either in print, on a disk, or on the web?
   2. Are there suggested lessons or other information of benefit to the user?
6. **Program Customization:**
   1. Does it allow you to customize the sequence?
7. **Instructional Content:**
   1. Program Structure: Student Directed, Computer Directed
   2. Sequence of Materials: Excellent, Good, OK, Fair, Poor
   3. Pace of Instruction: Excellent, Good, OK, Fair, Poor
   4. Quality of Interaction: Excellent, Good, OK, Fair, Poor
8. **Student Record Keeping:**
   1. Does it record the student’s progress?